

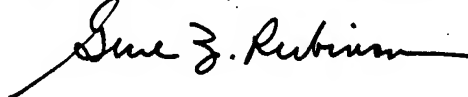
REMARKS

Claims 4, 6 through 9, 15, 16, 24, 26, 27, 29 and 30 are currently pending in the application. In the final Office Action, dated May 15, 2003, claims 4, 6 through 9, 15, 16, 29 and 30 were allowed, claim 24 was rejected and claims 26 and 27 were indicated as being allowable if presented independently of parent claim 24. Claim 24 is the only claim under rejection. The proposed Amendment cancels claim 24 and rewrites claim 26 in independent form to include all the limitations of now cancelled parent claim 24. Claim 27 is dependent from claim 26.

Entry of the proposed Amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited. A cursory review of the proposed Amendment clearly indicates that all remaining claims have been allowed or were indicated to be allowable. To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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